

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: October 2, 2018 marks the 149<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Mohandas

Karamchand Gandhi, better known as Mahatma ("the Great Soul") Gandhi; and

WHEREAS: The cardinal principle that guided Mahatma Gandhi's life was Ahimsa, or

"nonviolence;" and

WHEREAS: His life and teachings have inspired leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson

Mandela, and many other prominent figures throughout the world; and

WHEREAS: Ahimsa calls upon individuals to refrain from hurting or injuring anyone through

action, speech, or even thought; it promotes a fundamental belief that everyone

should be treated with love, empathy, compassion, and respect; and

WHEREAS: Ahimsa supports resolving disputes through non-violent methods; and

WHEREAS: Non-Violence Day brings an awareness of these noble principles to promote

peace among all people on earth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 2, 2018 as:

## NON-VIOLENCE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September.

GOVERNOR

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